# US Army Pregnancy/Postpartum Physical Training Program

[installation]

[name of commander]

[name of your program]
Program Update

[date]



#### **Purpose**

- Goals
- Personnel Involved
- Session implementation
- Current Status
- Evaluation
- Challenges
- FAQs



#### Goals

## [LIST GOALS OF YOUR PROGRAM - GENERAL ONES ARE LISTED HERE TO ASSIST YOU]

- Improve Soldier and unit readiness and morale
- Increase Soldier retention by assisting the Soldier to :
  - Pass APFT and height/weight standards
  - Maintain fitness levels during pregnancy for easier labor and delivery
  - Improve fitness levels post pregnancy for a smoother transition back to unit PT
- Provide education related to pregnancy issues



#### **Local Personnel**

[GIVE BRIEF LIST OF THEIR DUTIES - IDEAS GIVEN

#### **BELOW]**

- Medical Expert (ME) [GIVE NAME]
  - Medical oversight and quality control
  - Consultative services for IT and EL
  - Coordinator of Health Education Classes
  - Assist in EL training
- Instructor Trainer (IT) [GIVE NAME]
  - Liaison with units
  - Operate PPPT program
  - Train Exercise Leaders
  - Collect program outcomes data
- Exercise Leaders (EL) [GIVE NAMES]
  - Lead program exercise sessions
  - Assist with Soldier accountability
  - Recommend using NCOs with fitness backgrounds



## Session Components

[give description of what is done for exercise sessions and HE classes

- Exercise Sessions
  - Centering
  - Strengthening
  - Flexibility
  - Special exercises
  - Cardiovascular
  - Relaxation/ Stress Management

If possible insert photo of their Soldiers doing PT

Education Classes



#### **Current Status**

[give concise overview of most important activities going on right now] - some ideas are listed below -

- Program evaluation continuing
- Completion of first iteration of education classes
- Contacted local National Guard unit to invite pregnant Soldiers to participate
- EL training scheduled
- Holding "Baby Swap Meet" next month
- Interview given for article in installation newspaper
- "1SGT/ Co Comm Day" next month



#### **Program Evaluation**

[Explain Measurement Outcomes for your Soldiers]

#### Readiness Impact

- APFT total score, #SU, #PU, Run time [pass rate and aggregate pre vs. post scores]
- AR 600-9 Height/Weight standards [pass rate]
- Clinical Outcomes [c-section rate, reduced complications, avr. length of labor]

#### Retention Impact

- # soldiers currently enrolled [total enrollment, avr daily attendance and which units are participating]
- % PPPT participants influenced by program NOT to Chapter 8

#### Economic Benefit

Cost per enlisted pregnancy per year

Est. readiness and medical cost avoidance per [your cost avoidance]

## Local Challenges

[list current problems that commander needs to know about - your plans for solution, what they can do to help you]

- ELs not consistently following standardized content
- Access to pool facility an issue
- Need to receive leader training by SME
- Planning for Soldiers early return to units for deployment
- Follow-up data collection difficult
- Maintain funding for sustainment



## Questions

[give questions you are hearing frequently that want commander to help get the word out about - have

- Is the PPPT program treated differently than other Army special population PT programs?
  - No, per TSG
- Are Soldiers required to wear the PT uniform?
  - Yes, until it no longer fits and then they can either wear a larger size or wear appropriate civilian fitness clothes
- Are family members allowed to attend?
  - No, this is an Army unit PT program with military goals
- Can the program be mandatory?
  - Attendance may be the Soldier's place of duty after HCP clearance to participate has been given



## **PPPT**

#### **Questions and Comments**

